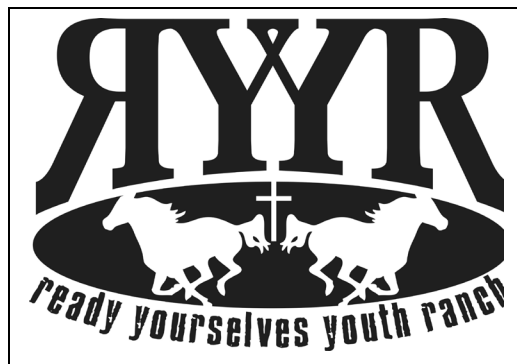


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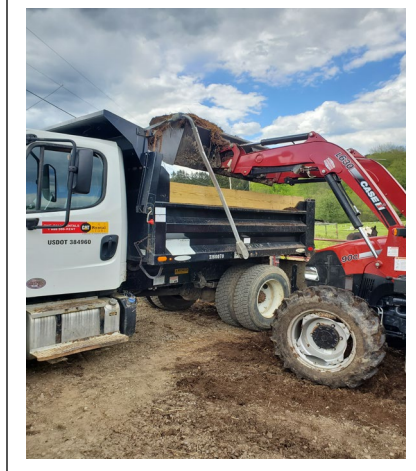
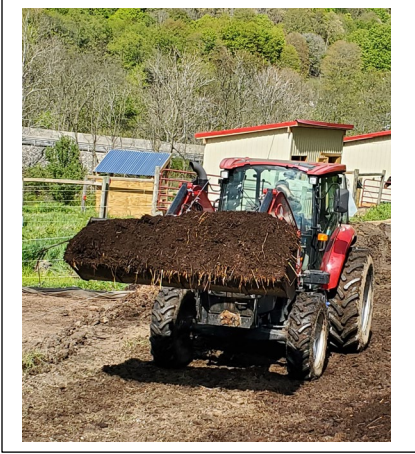
*Our Vision...For every child to experience redemption.
Our Mission...**LOVE** the child, **SAVE** the horse, enable children
and their families to realize the **HOPE** they can have in Jesus Christ*

DON & ZOE THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS!



Yep! That's Don on the tractor. You can't keep him off that green machine! Thank you all for your prayers and help! Don's not 100% but doing amazingly considering deer and motorcycles don't mix! By the way, that's Rebecca Shaw's Fiancé, Josh! Rebecca is getting married in a few months (October)! Make sure you congratulate her when you see her! She said she didn't need to send out announcements, she would just tell me and the **WHOLE** world would know and it's **TRUE**! I'm so excited for her!

THAT'S A LOT OF POOP!



Every year, when Don Peffer returns from Brazil, he spreads the bulk of our manure across our 10-acre field “up top.” This year was not an option as Don was laid up with injuries from his accident. This forced us to start looking at ways to remove the manure. Thanks to Jim Ploof, a steadfast volunteer at RYYR, who works for Cleveland Brothers, we were able to remove our manure pile. Cleveland Brothers loaned, free of charge, us a 5-ton dump truck for 2 weeks and Matt was a poo hauler every night after work, for 2 weeks! Any guesses as to how many loads? Even Matt & I were shocked when it was all said and done, it was 60 loads of a 5-ton dump truck to haul away all our manure! 60! Praise the lord, a local farmer took it all to spread on his 80 acres.

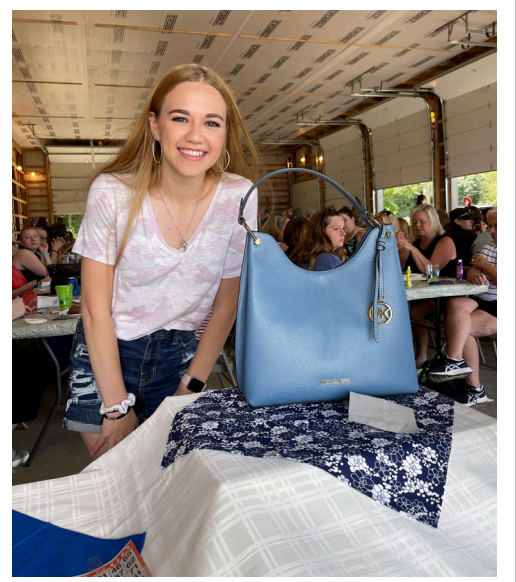
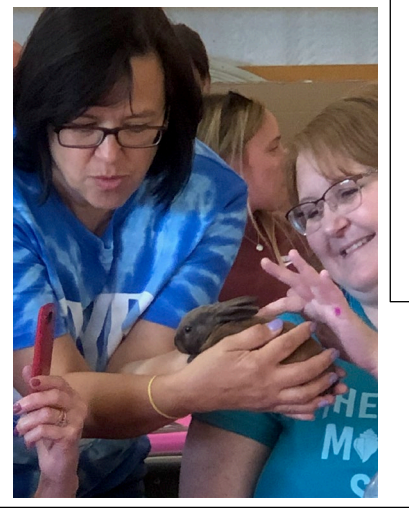
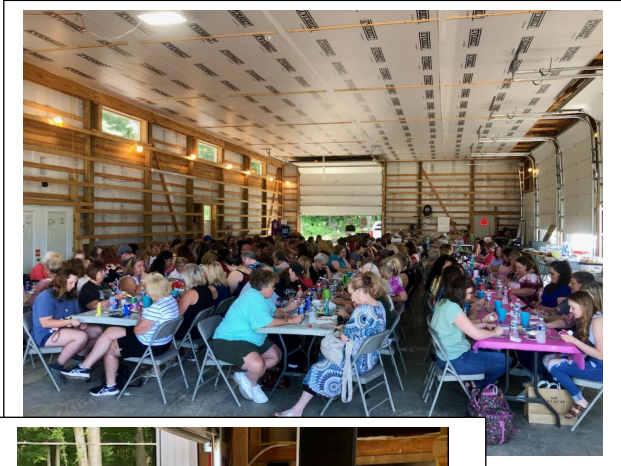
A BALING WE MUST GO! A BALING WE MUST GO! HI HO THE DERRY-O A BALING WE MUST GO!



After five years of mowing, fertilizing and liming, we have 10 beautiful acres of quality grass! We did purchase hay this year but also decided to purchase baling implements to make our own hay. With the kind donation from a generous donor, we were able to put a down payment on a disc bine and a baler. With the help of many dedicated volunteers (because seriously, who would willingly lift 50 lbs. bales in 90-degree weather

and NOT get paid for it?) we were able to bale approximately 6 of the 10 acres. I can't even believe that we have more hay than we need for the next 12 months! I have a true appreciation for farmers and how hard and complicated their job is! But God is not just good, he is A-M-A-Z-I-N-G!

PURSE BINGO MADNESS





For those of you who missed it, it was a fun time had by all but not without God “showing up” as I like to say!

As you can imagine, fundraising is very stressful but very necessary to non-profits. It was a beautiful, 72-degree day with no humidity. My friend Judy Polacheck, who helped me set up this event, had to remind me to take deep breaths several times that day. We set up as much as we could the night before in hopes that it would lighten the load for Saturday. At around 10 am, Judy said to me, “Who is bringing the food and what time is the food coming?” A local business owner was generous and had committed to donating sandwiches for the Designer Purse Bingo. My response to Judy, “Not 100% sure but shortly after 12 noon, I think.” We kept working quietly on the various last-minute tasks. Ten minutes later, she says the same thing to me...I’m thinking to myself, why is she asking me again? So, I said, “I don’t know, let me send a text.” Less than a minute goes by and my phone rings and the conversation went something like this:

Donor:” I have no idea what we’re talking about here.”

Me: (crickets)

Me: “I thought you were donating lunch for our Purse Bingo.”

Donor: “O.K. What do we need?”

Me: “Enough sandwiches for 200 people in less than 2 hours.”

Donor: “I’m on it. I’ll be there as soon as I can.”

The plan was to have lunch arrive at noon. **Miracle #1** - The donor pulled up at 12:25 with enough sandwiches for 200 people! What I love about working with other believers is that we are each a different part of the body of Christ but we work together, always for His glory. This donor did not point the finger, did not ask questions about who dropped the ball. His first instinct was to solve the problem and simply get it done. He later realized he had our event on his schedule but was overwhelmed that week with the purchase of another store and just missed it. He humbly apologized later but it wasn’t even necessary.

Five days before the event, I still needed pasta salad for 200 people, 50 dozen cookies/brownies or cupcakes, 15 meat & cheese trays, 500 bottles of water, 250 cans of pop, tables and chairs. That’s a lot of stuff in a short period of time. I said, “Lord, please help.” and then sent out the email. Most of you saw that email.

Miracle #2 - I mentioned it to my husband Matt as well. I love Matthew, I really do, so don’t judge me when I say he gets what I call, “hare brained” ideas. Here is the definition:

hare•brained hâr’brānd’

- *adj.*
Having or showing little sense; foolish.
- Having or indicating, as it were, no more brain than a hare; giddy; heedless; reckless; wild.

Maybe I should call them “hamster brained” ideas because I swear, sometimes when I look at him, he has this look on his face and I know that little hamster in his head just jumped on the wheel and he’s running as fast as he can. This was one of those moments. We go shopping, he drops me off at the store door and sits in the parking lot and waits for me. When I come out, pasta salad for 200 people is taken care of with 4 days left before the event! Come to find out later, Matthew called a couple of catering services and they were swamped beyond belief. So Matt calls his friend Robin. Robin is also a member of the Board of Directors for the ranch. Matt knows Robin loves good food, likes to cook (and he good at it) and that he volunteers much of his cooking time at his local church in Pittsburgh. Robin had generously agreed to make and donate the pasta salad (with the help of his fiancé Marianne and good friend whom he calls “Doc.” And let me tell ya, it wasn’t just boiled pasta with Italian dressing. It was absolutely delicious! We had many people rave about it at the event. So, maybe this time, it wasn’t such a hare-brained idea.

Miracle #3 - Then the text messages and email replies started. A few hours later I go home and there was a stack of water bottles at my front door! I know I must have looked like an idiot when I walked up to my door and started laughing uncontrollably. I was giddy. The blessings had started to rain down. Volunteers and ranch supporters began to commit to a case of pop here, a meat & cheese tray there, 6 dozen brownies, etc. These people really love the ranch. They have full time jobs, busy lives and some are just living on the border between barely making it and broke and they just keep giving. Reminds me of the widow that gave the mite that she had.



Sometimes it’s not what you can give but what you can do. One of our supporters forwarded my email to a young lady by the name of Amanda at Penn Energy. A seemingly simple thing to do but it had huge impact. Amanda asked me what was left on our list of needs. So, I texted her the long list. She not only purchased everything left on the list but brought it to the Purse Bingo so I would not have to do any running.

Many of you are asking, how it got to this point, me needing all this stuff and no time left. It was a combination of misunderstandings, not enough help to stay organized and simply me just being so busy, stuff just fell through the cracks. **But I am thoroughly convinced that the reason why I have so many short comings, is so that God can simply “show up.” And boy did he!**

THANK YOU to all that donated, participated and prayed for the Designer Purse Bingo Event. We made in the realm of \$10,000.

MEET....SHAKE, RATTLE & ROLL



After hauling 60 loads of poop away, my son-in-law Cody Bonzo, happened to find an older dump truck for sale online. He didn’t think much of it but the price sure was right (dirt cheap LOL). After some discussion, Cody (who is a self-taught mechanic) went with Jim Ploof (a ranch volunteer who happens to be diesel mechanic by trade) to look at this 1984 Ford Dump Truck! I graduated in 1987 so I know this thing is OLD! But all mechanics who looked at it said it was surprisingly “healthy” for it’s age! So, with that, we asked the owner, and he agreed to accept less than what he was asking for it and viola, we now have dump truck to haul manure away and haul sawdust to the farm! Here comes the best part, we had a wonder family who are faithful volunteers and supporters of our ranch that donated one third of the cost. The dad of this family of volunteers convinced his employer (well,

maybe he twisted their arm? LOL) to donate another third and several others covered the last third! This big old beast was meant for RYYR! My husband has affectionately named the truck, Shake Rattle & Roll because it

does ALL of that when you fire it up and it's so loud when you are inside of it, you have to shout to talk to someone in the passenger seat. The first time Matt opened the door to talk to someone, he closed it and the whole window just came crashing down! But she's paid for and she's ALL ours!
Can ya feel the love? I know I sure do! Praise be to God!

Who's that handsome guy in the mirror?



When teaching kids to ride, many have poor posture (I call them “Slouchasauruses” or “Slumpopotomuses”) so we hung some large mirrors so they can see their posture as they ride by. The horses are curious and spend a lot of time checking them out. Finny is very tall so he not only looks at himself but brushes his top lip left and right over the mirror trying to feel the “other” horse in the mirror. Poor Felix, he’s so short all he can see is his ears but he really wants to meet the “other” horse in the mirror.

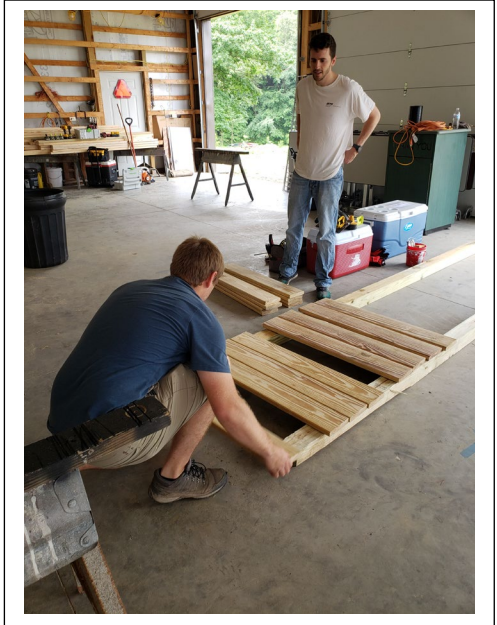
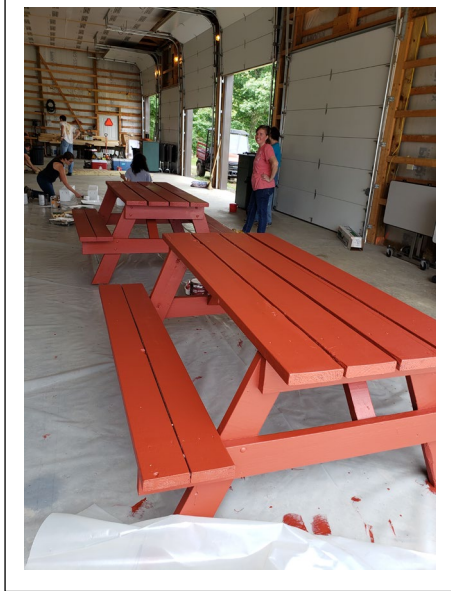
OVERWHELMED BY BLESSINGS

You’ve just read about some of the blessings at the ranch, but it doesn’t stop there. The turnout of help this year is just fantastic! This includes Portage, a local online education company. Their employee, Rachel Sullivan is a volunteer at the ranch and was also the producer of our video. If you haven’t seen it, you can watch it on the main page of our website: <http://www.ryyr.org/>

Rachel suggested a Portage employee afternoon of fun at the ranch. There was a small group that responded and brought their kids. One of them was Rachel’s boss, Steve. After that evening, Steve admitted how surprised he was at the fact that he liked just being around the horses. A lot of people think that it’s just the kids that naturally fall in love with the horse and not adults. But once they are standing next to these massive creatures that God created, you realize they aren’t these stand-offish beasts. They are much like us. Some are curious, some affectionate, some are grumpy, others are needy, obedient, “clownish”, rebellious & sassy. After a conversation with Steve, he read my book and wanted to help so he arranged a Portage employee workday at RYYR. I cannot tell you how exciting it was to have this kind of help. People who were meticulous about what they did. From the painting, to pressure washing to building things we needed,

everything they did was just AWESOME! These people brought their own power tools and weedwhackers! Maybe it's because I'm used to teen volunteers that don't rinse out paint brushes or simply don't have the carpentry skills. But man, if I based their work on Colossians 3:23, these volunteers were working for the Lord!

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters," -Colossians 3:23



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